

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 894

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Jackson Madison Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, chartered in 1901, making it one of the oldest chapters in the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable organizations that strive to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our Nation's children; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jackson Madison Chapter National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) are descended from the patriots who won American Independence during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere was sent for by Dr. Joseph Warren and instructed to ride to Lexington, Massachusetts, to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock that British troops were marching to arrest them. After being rowed across the Charles River to Charlestown by two associates, Paul Revere borrowed a horse from his friend Deacon John Larkin. While in Charlestown, he verified that the local "Sons of Liberty" committee had seen his pre-arranged signals. (Two lanterns that had been hung briefly in the bell-tower of Christ Church in Boston, indicating that troops would row "by sea" across the Charles River to Cambridge, rather than marching "by land" out Boston Neck. Revere had arranged for these signals the previous weekend, as he was afraid that he might be prevented from leaving Boston); and

WHEREAS, on the way to Lexington, Revere "alarmed" the country-side, stopping at each house, and arrived in Lexington about midnight. As he approached the house where

Adams and Hancock were staying, a sentry asked that he not make so much noise. "Noise!" cried Revere, "You'll have noise enough before long. The regulars are coming out!"; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate that anniversary of Paul Revere's Midnight Ride, the Jackson Madison Chapter NSDAR will sponsor a reenactment of the famous ride around the Madison County, Tennessee Courthouse on Sunday, April 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Madison Chapter NSDAR is named for two famous American Presidents, Tennessee's own Andrew Jackson and President James Madison, author of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890, now with more than 165,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the past and present members of the Jackson Madison Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for their dedication to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and supporting better education for our Nation's children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the members, both past and present, of the Jackson Madison Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for their one hundred and nine years of outstanding service to the men, women and children of this State and Nation, applaud them for their ongoing legacy of commitment to patriotic and educational endeavors, and with them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.